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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 6459**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE RESOURCE GENERATION.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Utility Control to develop a request for proposals (RFP) for renewable generation in the state. It must do so in a contested case (a quasi-judicial procedure) by October 1, 2011. Proposals submitted in response to the RFP may include a cost-recovery methodology, which may include cost-of-service or production-based payments among other options. An electric company may submit proposals on the same basis as other respondents to the RFP. The department must conduct a docket to determine which proposal would result in the least cost to ratepayers, but may reject all proposals.

Since the bill does not amend CGS § 16-244e, which generally bars electric companies from owning generating facilities. As a result, the project selected by the RFP could not be built without additional legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

SB 1, An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future, allows electric companies to own solar generating facilities under certain conditions.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 2 (03/22/2011)